# Alberta Population Report

March 28, 2006 — Fourth Quarter, 2005

## Population Estimates

Alberta continues to have the highest population growth among the provinces. As of January 1, 2006, Alberta's population is estimated to be 3,306,359. This represents an annual growth of approximately 80,100 persons (or 2.5%) during the year of 2005. British Columbia and Ontario had the next largest growth rates among the provinces at 1.27 and 1.10% respectively.

The following table provides the population estimates and annual growth rates for Canada and Alberta since January 1, 2002.

TABLE 1: **NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL POPULATION & GROWTH RATES, JANUARY 1**

| | Canada | | Alberta | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| April 1 | Population | Growth Rate | Population | Growth Rate |
| **2002** | 31,182,448 | | 3,087,024 | |
| **2003** | 31,501,729 | 1.02% | 3,136,984 | 1.62% |
| **2004** | 31,805,716 | 0.96% | 3,180,787 | 1.40% |
| **2005** | 32,107,043 | 0.95% | 3,226,301 | 1.43% |
| **2006** | 32,422,919 | 0.98% | 3,306,359 | 2.48% |

*Source: Statistics Canada*

Population estimates for January 1, 2006 for all provinces and territories are presented in Table 2 below. The annual population growth rates for the year 2005 are also included.

## Migration

During the fourth quarter (October 1 to December 31), Statistics Canada estimated that Alberta was the only province experienced a positive interprovincial net migration in Canada. The province continued to have a high interprovincial migration gain of 17,100 in the fourth quarter due mainly to more people moving into Alberta. As shown in Table 3, the primary source of Alberta's interprovincial in-migrants for the fourth quarter was Ontario, followed by British Columbia and Saskatchewan. These three provinces were also the main destinations of out-migrants from Alberta. (Please see note at the end of Table 3 on the next page.)

On a yearly basis, Alberta had a total of 41,700 net interprovincial migrants in 2005. This was the ninth consecutive year that Alberta maintained the largest interprovincial migration gain in Canada.

## Natural Increase

In the fourth quarter of 2005, Alberta also gained 4,700 people in natural increase (births minus deaths). The province had 10,000 births and 5,300 deaths in this quarter.

More details of the demographic data are available from Alberta Finance, Statistics.

TABLE 2: **POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF JAN 1, 2006 & ANNUAL GROWTH RATES OF 2005**

| | NL. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | QUE. | ONT. | MAN. | SASK. | ALTA. | B.C. | YUKON | N.W.T. | NVT. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Population | 514,409 | 138,157 | 936,988 | 751,111 | 7,623,870 | 12,599,364 | 1,178,348 | 990,930 | 3,306,359 | 4,279,462 | 31,150 | 42,526 | 30,245 |
| Growth Rate | -0.57% | 0.28% | -0.14% | 0.15% | 0.66% | 1.10% | 0.29% | 0.38% | 2.48% | 1.27% | 0.93% | -1.14% | 1.80% |

*Source: Statistics Canada*

TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS
OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2005

| Origin | Destination | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | NL | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | QUE. | ONT. | MAN. | SASK. | AB. | B.C. | Yukon | NWT | NVT. |
| Nfld and Lab. | 0 | 5 | 305 | 62 | 18 | 643 | 16 | 17 | 1,704 | 69 | 0 | 75 | 16 |
| Prince Edward I. | 44 | 0 | 101 | 36 | 14 | 118 | 8 | 12 | 200 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nova Scotia | 296 | 124 | 0 | 437 | 113 | 933 | 46 | 52 | 1,505 | 257 | 0 | 12 | 6 |
| New Brunswick | 60 | 33 | 467 | 0 | 349 | 625 | 37 | 4 | 781 | 250 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Quebec | 17 | 34 | 88 | 411 | 0 | 3,665 | 58 | 50 | 1,420 | 577 | 13 | 0 | 4 |
| Ontario | 1,049 | 134 | 1,166 | 586 | 3,137 | 0 | 683 | 364 | 6,625 | 3,042 | 29 | 23 | 37 |
| Manitoba | 25 | 4 | 21 | 44 | 103 | 830 | 0 | 454 | 1,999 | 701 | 0 | 23 | 14 |
| Saskatchewan | 20 | 8 | 52 | 14 | 98 | 283 | 379 | 0 | 3,593 | 700 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alberta | 262 | 0 | 372 | 184 | 374 | 1,296 | 494 | 1,315 | 0 | 3,474 | 80 | 81 | 6 |
| British Columbia | 57 | 45 | 221 | 104 | 451 | 1,973 | 424 | 307 | 6,553 | 0 | 100 | 5 | 7 |
| Yukon Territory | 28 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 21 | 21 | 0 | 101 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northwest Terr. | 61 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 30 | 45 | 32 | 460 | 70 | 36 | 0 | 0 |
| Nunavut Terr. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 22 | 0 | 7 | 56 | 17 | 0 | 6 | 0 |

| | Nfld. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | QUE. | ONT. | MAN. | SASK. | AB. | B.C. | Yukon | NWT | NVT. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| In Migration | 1,919 | 387 | 2,793 | 1,892 | 4,696 | 10,439 | 2,211 | 2,614 | 24,997 | 9,378 | 258 | 225 | 95 |
| Out Migration | 2,930 | 554 | 3,781 | 2,611 | 6,337 | 16,875 | 4,218 | 5,147 | 7,938 | 10,247 | 385 | 753 | 128 |
| Net Migration | -1,011 | -167 | -988 | -719 | -1,641 | -6,436 | -2,007 | -2,533 | 17,059 | -869 | -127 | -528 | -33 |

*Source: Statistics Canada*

## Note to Users:

**Similar to the third quarter of 2005, the fourth quarter interprovincial migration figure to Alberta is seen as being inconsistent with recent trends. Users are cautioned that the fourth quarter of 2005 figures may also be adjusted in future releases.**

### SUMMARY STATISTICS, ALBERTA, 2005

Midyear Population (July 1, 2005): 3,256,816

Population (Jan 1, 2005): 3,226,301
Births (Jan. – Dec.): 41,381
Deaths (Jan. – Dec.): 20,366
Net Interprovincial Migration (Jan. – Dec.): 41,707
Net International Migration (Jan. – Dec.): 14,377
Net Non-Permanent Residents (Jan. – Dec.): 2,959
Growth (Jan. – Dec.): 80,058
Population (Jan 1, 2006): 3,306,359

# Alberta Migration by Quarter

| Quarter | Interprovincial Migration | | | International Migration | | | | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | In | Out | Net Interprovincial | Immigrants | Emigrants | Net Temporary Emigrants | Returning Emigrants | Net International Migration | Total Net Migration |
| **2001** | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan-Mar | 12,964 | 8,471 | **4,493** | 3,831 | 1,031 | 601 | 405 | **2,604** | **7,097** |
| Apr-Jun | 16,533 | 11,103 | **5,430** | 4,436 | 1,311 | 665 | 782 | **3,242** | **8,672** |
| Jul-Sep | 25,737 | 16,805 | **8,932** | 4,578 | 2,111 | 1,030 | 1,038 | **2,475** | **11,407** |
| Oct-Dec | 15,261 | 9,502 | **5,759** | 3,548 | 904 | 650 | 503 | **2,497** | **8,256** |
| *Total* | *70,495* | *45,881* | ***24,614*** | *16,393* | *5,356* | *2,946* | *2,728* | ***10,819*** | ***35,433*** |
| **2002** | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan-Mar | 16,033 | 10,241 | **5,792** | 3,931 | 715 | 592 | 403 | **3,027** | **8,819** |
| Apr-Jun | 18,584 | 12,832 | **5,752** | 4,601 | 943 | 663 | 824 | **3,819** | **9,571** |
| Jul-Sep | 22,290 | 18,185 | **4,105** | 3,090 | 1,673 | 992 | 788 | **1,213** | **5,318** |
| Oct-Dec | 12,121 | 9,887 | **2,234** | 3,130 | 838 | 680 | 296 | **1,908** | **4,142** |
| *Total* | *69,028* | *51,145* | ***17,883*** | *14,752* | *4,169* | *2,927* | *2,311* | ***9,967*** | ***27,850*** |
| **2003** | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan-Mar | 14,036 | 11,453 | **2,583** | 3,102 | 634 | 603 | 374 | **2,239** | **4,822** |
| Apr-Jun | 16,180 | 13,199 | **2,981** | 4,297 | 779 | 658 | 524 | **3,384** | **6,365** |
| Jul-Sep | 18,554 | 15,549 | **3,005** | 4,576 | 1,738 | 1,004 | 788 | **2,622** | **5,627** |
| Oct-Dec | 10,715 | 9,030 | **1,685** | 3,864 | 847 | 677 | 296 | **2,636** | **4,321** |
| *Total* | *59,485* | *49,231* | ***10,254*** | *15,839* | *3,998* | *2,942* | *1,982* | ***10,881*** | ***21,135*** |
| **2004** | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan-Mar | 13,869 | 10,671 | **3,198** | 4,073 | 637 | 600 | 374 | **3,210** | **6,408** |
| Apr-Jun | 17,684 | 14,966 | **2,718** | 4,606 | 784 | 654 | 523 | **3,691** | **6,409** |
| Jul-Sep | 18,510 | 16,882 | **1,628** | 4,521 | 1,761 | 1,006 | 788 | **2,542** | **4,170** |
| Oct-Dec | 13,123 | 9,674 | **3,449** | 3,274 | 854 | 677 | 296 | **2,039** | **5,488** |
| *Total* | *63,186* | *52,193* | ***10,993*** | *16,474* | *4,036* | *2,937* | *1,981* | ***11,482*** | ***22,475*** |
| **2005** | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan-Mar | 16,386 | 11,443 | **4,943** | 4,357 | 640 | 599 | 374 | **3,492** | **8,435** |
| Apr-Jun | 22,711 | 16,116 | **6,595** | 5,201 | 788 | 652 | 523 | **4,284** | **10,879** |
| Jul-Sep | 29,882 | 16,772 | **13,110** | 5,594 | 1,776 | 1,006 | 788 | **3,600** | **16,710** |
| Oct-Dec | 24,997 | 7,938 | **17,059** | 4,241 | 859 | 677 | 296 | **3,001** | **20,060** |
| *Total* | *93,976* | *52,269* | ***41,707*** | *19,393* | *4,063* | *2,934* | *1,981* | ***14,377*** | ***56,084*** |

Source: Statistics Canada

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